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Nucleoside and Nucleotide Libraries**

Examiner: **Wessendorf, T.**
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002. Please enter the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice in response to the restriction requirement.

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner indicated that the present application contains three patentably distinct inventions and required restriction to one invention. The applicant disagrees. Nevertheless, **election of group III (claims 21-26) is made** without traverse to advance prosecution of the present application. **Claims 21 to 26 read on elected group III.**